

QEAFate Model Calibration

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Earlier today, representatives of EPA and the LWG met to discuss the latest calibration for the QEAFate Model. The QEAFate model will be used to model contaminant fate and transport at the Portland Harbor Site. The meeting was held to address EPA comments on the model calibration as described in our May 18, 2010 letter.

Based on the results of the meeting, EPA is comfortable with the model as currently calibrated. As a result, EPA authorizes the Lower Willamette Group to move forward with application of the QEAFate Model. The model will be used to evaluate a range of remedial action alternatives in the Portland Harbor FS.

EPA understands that a meeting has been scheduled for December 1, 2010 to discuss the application of the model in the FS. In the meantime, should any questions come up regarding application of the model in the FS that may require changes in the model calibration, please contact us so that we will be aware of these changes prior to the December 1, 2010 meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Eric